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plication of: Friese, et al.

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For:

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BOX AF Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

This is responsive to the Office Action issued on January 30, 1992 (Paper No. 9) in the above--referenced pending patent application. Although amendments after final rejection cannot be made as of right, it is respectfully submitted that the amendments set forth below place this application in a condition to be allowed. The Office Action indicates that claims 2-19 would be allowable over the prior art if rewritten to overcome rejections under \$112. The Examiner is therefore urged to permit entry of the following amendments:

In the Specification:

Page 1, lines 25-27, delete "The invention achieves this object by means of the features contained in the characterizing clause of claim 1. It was shown surprisingly that a" and insert

This and other objects are achieved by the - therefor;

